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TAGS: UNESCO, AORG  
SUBJECT: UNESCO: DUMITRESCU CASE CONTINUED

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1. AS PROMISED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS FULL  
TEXTS OF (A) GOR DECLARATION AND (B) STATEMENT BY THE  
DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW ON SUBJECT MATTER. DEPARTMENT  
AND ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REMINDED THAT THESE STATEMENTS  
WERE MADE IN A PRIVATE (CLOSED) SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE  
BOARD AND, THUS, SHOULD BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL  
UNTIL PUBLICLY RELEASED.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: STATEMENT BY MR. VALENTIN LIPATTI  
(ROMANIA) AT THE THIRD PRIVATE MEETING ON 20 SEPT. 1977:

MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THE ISSUE NOW BEFORE US - AND MORE  
PARTICULARLY ON THE QUESTION WHETHER THE CASE WITH WHICH  
WE ARE CONCERNED OUGHT TO BE MADE PUBLIC - I HAVE, ON  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
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STATEMENT:

THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND ASTONISH-  
MENT AT THE FACT THAT THE DIRECTORATE OF UNESCO SHOULD  
BE INTERFERING IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN IT AND ONE OF  
ITS NATIONALS AND, WHAT IS MORE, THAT IT SHOULD WISH TO  
TAKE UP A PUBLIC STAND ON THE MATTER.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT SORIN DAMITRESCU WAS GUILTY OF FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES VIS A VIS THE ROMANIAN STATE. HE DEFRAUDED THE STATE, FOR WHICH HE MUST ANSWER TO THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES. THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHTS, HAS DECLINED TO CONSENT TO THE EXTENSION OF SORIN DUMITRESCU'S ENGAGEMENT, AND HIS CONTRACT CANNOT, CONSEQUENTLY, BE PROLONGED.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO HAS ADOPTED A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS ROMANIA AND IS PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF VARIOUS CIRCLES WHICH ARE DESIROUS OF EMBITTERING RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND UNESCO. THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO DRAW THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSIONS WITH REGARD TO ITS RELATIONS WITH UNESCO IN THE EVENT OF A PUBLIC STAND'S BEING ADOPTED AND A PUBLIC STATEMENT'S BEING MADE ON THIS CASE. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IS, MOREOVER, DISPLAYING HIS HOSTILITY, IN THE WORK HE IS DOING, SO FAR AS THE ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA ARE CONCERNED. THERE IS EVIDENCE OF THIS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE WAY UNESCO'S EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, WHICH IS LOCATED IN BUCHAREST, IS BEING MANAGED. THE CENTRE'S DIRECTOR, MR. KELLER, HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN WITHOUT THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S BEING INFORMED OF THE REASONS FOR THAT MEASURE. THE DIRECTOR HIMSELF HAS SEVERAL TIMES INTERFERED, ON INSTRUCTIONS  
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FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN THE DUMITRESCU CASE. HE EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO ATTEMPT TO GET DUMITRESCU'S CAR OUT OF THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY AND, WHEN CAUGHT IN THE ACT AT THE FRONTIER, SOUGHT TO HUSH UP THE BUSINESS.

SHOULD A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE DUMITRESCU CASE BE ISSUED, MR. CHAIRMAN, ALL DIALOGUE BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND UNESCO WILL FORTHWITH CEASE; AND THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS WILL LIE WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO DOES NOT WISH TO SETTLE A CASE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED IN THE ORDINARY WAY.

IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT A SITUATION WHICH IS QUITE INCONCEIVABLE BETWEEN ONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBER STATES AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL ELECTED BY THE MEMBER STATES. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. END QUOTE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE: STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO THE FOURTH PRIVATE MEETING ON 20 SEPT. 1977, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE REFRAINED FROM INTERVENING SINCE YOU BEGAN

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RECONSIDERING MR. DUMITRESCU'S CASE, AS I FELT THAT IT  
WAS NOT LONGER INCUMBENT UPON ME TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS  
AT ALL IN A DISCUSSION IN WHICH THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY,  
AND NOT THAT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, IS IN FACT INVOLVED.

I THINK IT NECESSARY, HOWEVER, AT THE CONCLUSION OF  
YOUR DISCUSSIONS, TO CLARIFY SOME POINTS BRIEFLY:

(I) MR. DUMITRESCU'S CONTRACT HAS BEEN EXTENDED UP  
TO 31 OCTOBER 1979, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTORY  
PROVISIONS AND AFTER THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS;

(II) SO FAR AS THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
IS CONCERNED, THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH IT OPERATES AND IN  
WHICH ITS PROGRAMME IS CARRIED OUT ARE WITHIN THE  
COMPETENCE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHILE THE APPRAISAL  
OF ITS RESULTS IS A MATTER FOR ALL THE MEMBER STATES,  
AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WHICH ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED,  
RATHER THAN FOR ANY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. THE BOARD WILL  
SHORTLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF EXPRESSING ITS VIEWS ON  
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THIS ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO CONSIDER DOCUMENT 20 C/3 UNDER ITEM 5.1.1 OF ITS AGENDA. I AM, OF COURSE, PREPARED, IF SUCH BE THE BOARD'S WISH, TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WHEN THE TIME COMES, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS BIENNium;

(III) AS REGARDS THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE, IT IS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED TO INFORM ME OF ANY INFRINGEMENT - IF INFRINGEMENT THERE BE - OF A HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I SHALL GO VERY CAREFULLY INTO ANY COMPLAINT WHICH IS BASED ON FACTS.

I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY ONCE MORE THAT I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN MR. KELLER, WHO HAS FURNISHED EVIDENCE NOT ONLY OF HIS ABILITY BUT OF HIS HIGH SENSE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES EVER SINCE HE HAS BEEN DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

(IV) WITH REGARD TO THE ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST THE DIRECTOR GENERAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR VALENTIN LIPATTI, I DO NOT FEEL IT BEHOVES ME, OUT OF REGARD FOR THE BOARD, TO TAKE THEM UP, EVEN THOUGH THEY SEEM TO ME TO BE OF EXCEPTIONAL GRAVITY. I SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE REPLIED IF ANY FACTS HAD BEEN ADVANCED INSTEAD OF SPECULATIONS.

I SHOULD THAN HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHOW HOW, IN THIS AS IN OTHER CASES, I HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO DISPLAY THE GREATEST PATIENCE AND THE FULLEST UNDERSTANDING.

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BUT THE DISCRETION IMPOSED BY MY OFFICE, AND THE REGARD I HAVE FOR ALL THE MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING ROMANIA, COMPEL ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO SAY NO MORE.

MAY I SAY ONCE MORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, HOW DISTRESSED, HOW PROFOUNDLY DISTRESSED, I AM THAT SO MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS SHOULD BE GIVING RISE TO SO MANY INJUSTICES. I HOPE THAT ONE DAY THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE PREPARED TO ANALYSE IN ITS TRUE LIGHT A SITUATION WHICH I, FOR MY PART, HAVE DONE ALL I CAN TO AVOID. END  
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